

H6819–20, and H6820–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Energy and Water Development; and District of Columbia.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

AMERICAN—EXPANDING ACCESS TO COLLEGE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on “Expanding Access to College in America: How the Higher Education Act Can Put College Within Reach.” Testimony was heard from Teri Flack, Deputy Commissioner, Higher Education Coordinating Board, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION’S PROPOSAL TO REPLACE—30-YEAR TREASURY RATE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures of the Committee on Ways and Means held a joint hearing on Examining Pension Security and Defined Benefit Plans: the Administration’s Proposal to Replace the 30-year Treasury Rate. Testimony was heard from Ann Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security, Department of Labor; Peter Fisher, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testi-

mony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AND CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing on “Federal Information Systems Integration and Consolidation: Maximizing Technology Investment Across Agency Boundaries.” Testimony was heard from Mark A. Forman, Administrator, E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; and public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT OR LACI AND CONNER’S LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003 or Laci and Conner’s Law.

EXTEND SPECIAL IMMIGRANT RELIGIOUS WORKER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims approved for full Committee action H.R. 2151, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H. R. 1006, amended, Captive Wildlife Safety Act; H.R. 1409, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act; and S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1289, National Parks Institute Act; H.R. 532, Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act; and H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Testimony was heard from Representatives Camp and Lantos; Dan Smith, Special Assistant to the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule waives points of order against amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting designated emergencies in reported appropriation bills). The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Castle, Murphy, George Miller of California, Woolsey, Hinojosa, Tierney, Kind, Grijalva, Majette, Van Hollen, Frank of Massachusetts, Edwards, Waters, Scott of Virginia, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Schiff, but action was deferred on H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003.

NOAA SATELLITES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards held a hearing on NOAA Satellites: Will Weather Forecasting Be Put at Risk? Testimony was heard from Gregory Withee, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Peter Teets, Under Secretary, Air Force and Executive Agent for Space, Department of Defense; David Powner, Acting Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CONTRACT BUNDLING AND SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Contract Bundling and Small Business Procurement. Testimony was heard from Jo Baylor, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Ralph C. Thomas III, Assistant Administrator, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA; Sean M. Moss, Director, Office of Small

and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Transportation; Theresa A. Speake, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Energy; Linda Oliver, Deputy Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

TRANSFER PHYSICAL AND ELECTRONIC RECORDS TO THE HOUSE REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL AGENCY RECORDS—INVOLVING TEXAS LEGISLATURE MEMBERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered unfavorably reported H. Res. 288, directing the Secretary of Transportation to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this resolution. Testimony was heard from Representative Green of Texas; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

RESEARCH COMPLIANCE OFFICE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1585, to establish an office to oversee research compliance and assurance within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

INDUSTRY SPEAKS ON CYBERSECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development held a hearing entitled "Industry Speaks on Cybersecurity." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D773)

H.R. 825, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J.